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2014 Winter Olympics. The Opening Ceremonies in Sochi, Russia, are Friday night — while events are already underway. **Soup's on.** We break down all the numbers from the games — everything from the amount of borscht consumed to medals won. **U-S-A! U-S-A!** Metro knows you weren't keeping up with speed skating the past three years, so we break down the top U.S. story lines. PAGE 14-15, 25

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!



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NEWS

Verrazano toll to be cut for SI residents

Transportation.

The plan comes after months of bipartisan wrangling.

Staten Island residents traveling across the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge will pay less in tolls under a plan announced by Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Thursday.

Under the new pricing scheme, Staten Island drivers with an E-Z Pass will pay \$5.50 per trip, a drop from the already discounted \$6 that many E-Z Pass users currently pay. Commercial drivers would also benefit from the plan — trucks using the bridge more than 10 times a month would see about a 20 percent cut in tolls.

An estimated 183,000 vehicles drive over the Verrazano Bridge every day.

"The Verrazano is not just another bridge," Cuomo said at the announcement. "It is the main artery to Staten Island ... and when you toll that bridge, you toll the main artery and that main connection."

The proposal today comes after months of bipartisan negotiations between Cuomo and the Legislature. However, it still needs to be reviewed and approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which operates the bridge.

If approved, the plan would go into effect by April 1 at the earliest.

Elected leaders from

New toll

\$5.50

What Staten Islanders would pay

The cost

\$14M

The reduced price would cost taxpayers and straphangers \$14 million.

Commuters

183K

Vehicles per day pass over the bridge

Current toll

\$6

What Staten Islanders pay now

The plan would save money for Staten Island residents with an E-Z Pass and for commercial truckers who regularly use the bridge. / COURTESY OF THE MTA

No relief for Brooklyn

The relief would come at a cost of about \$14 million to taxpayers and straphangers.

- Half of the money would come from Cuomo's proposed budget, with the other \$7 million paid for by the MTA.
- Across the bridge, some

are less enthusiastic about Gov. Cuomo's proposal.

across the borough joined Cuomo in southern Staten Island to hail the announcement.

"This is a tremendous victory for the people of Staten Island," said state Sen. Michael Lanza, adding that the plan took as long as it did because of its complexity.

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Weather



PATH station / GETTY IMAGES

Light snow expected this weekend

Forecasters predict snow Saturday night into Sunday in New York City, but said no more than a few inches are expected.

Despite reports that as much as 30 inches could pile on the city this weekend, up to 3 inches are expected during the storm, according to the National Weather Service.

"The rumors are not true," spokesman Brian Ciemnecki said.

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Transit

Partial PATH shutdown coming

Weekend PATH train service will shut down between the World Trade Center station in lower Manhattan and Exchange Place station in Jersey City for the rest of the year starting next week.

The shutdown, which will commence Feb. 14, excludes major holiday travel weekends.

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Top 3

What's trending online at Metro.us

1 'Five funniest "Tonight Show" moments with Jay Leno'

2 VIDEO: Canadian activists make funny gay Olympics ad'

3 VIDEO: Fiery wheelchair stunt goes horribly wrong'

Today's tweet

"New York is probably the only place you're going to see women in heels climbing over snow to get to sidewalks."

@nicolecole1524

D'oh! Suspects send selfies to cops

A pair of suspected robbers accidentally sent selfies to cops from a cell phone they stole during a string of robberies in Harlem last year, according to the NYPD.

Police said the two men stole the phone from an 18-year-old man by pretending to have a gun near Seventh Avenue and West 117th Street the night of Sept. 24.



Two suspected robbers uploaded selfies to a robbery victim's phone. / NYPD

The robbers later posed for selfies in black Lacoste hoodies. Police said the images were automatically uploaded from the stolen phone to the victim's photo-sharing account.

The theft was tied to three other robberies in Harlem where the suspects acquired two more phones, money and a MetroCard, police said.

No injuries were reported in any of the robberies, police said.

The suspects are described as black, between 18 and 23 years old and 5-foot-9 to 6 feet tall.

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Chirlane McCray speaks at a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. / GETTY IMAGES

NYC first lady McCray to chair Mayor's Fund

Job. Chirlane McCray will head the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City.

As chair, McCray plans to expand the fund's previous successes, building on former Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Young Men's Initiative, as well as outlining new projects that reflect the de Blasio administration's agenda.

Her office will be across from City Hall. The position is unpaid.

Established in 1994, the fund is a nonprofit that facilitates public-private partnerships across the five boroughs, supporting a wide range of causes from the environment to youth development.

In 2012, the fund's budget was \$37 million.

"It really is the people's fund," McCray said.

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Values

"She knows our mission and our values better than anyone because she has been one of the chief architects of our approach." De Blasio

Gun violence

Man shot dead in East New York

An unidentified man was shot and killed in front of a public housing complex on Wednesday evening.

Police found the victim in front of the Louis H. Pink Houses at 2726 Linden Blvd. The man was pronounced dead at Brookdale Hospital.

The investigation is considered ongoing.

CHESTER JESUS SORIA

Slice. 'Pizzagate' fork goes up for auction

The fork that Mayor Bill de Blasio used to eat his pizza during his visit to Goodfella's Pizza in Staten Island is now up for auction.

The fork behind "pizzagate" was preserved by Goodfella's co-owner Marc Cosentino.

He and his co-owner brother Scot gave the piece of silver on Thursday to the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, a nonprofit named after a firefighter who



The infamous fork
GOODFELLA'S PIZZA, FACEBOOK

was killed on Sept. 11.

Proceeds will be directed toward superstorm Sandy relief and injured veterans. CHESTER JESUS SORIA

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An Important Message from Psychologist Lisa Well



In a recent survey concerning penis size, 77% of women surveyed reported greater pleasure and sexual satisfaction from a larger penis, but there are other reasons women search for well-endowed men. In a women's subconscious, the size of a man's penis is representative of his masculinity-meaning, on a more primitive, base level-his ability to provide, protect and to be more fertile partner.



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Responses from our Health Specialists

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Rehab. MTA marks historic Dyckman Street station revamp



The new Dyckman Street station is refurbished. / MTA

A \$31 million rehabilitation of the Dyckman Street 1 subway train station in upper Manhattan was marked by a ceremony with community leaders and Metropolitan Transportation Authority officials Thursday.

The two-year rehab project includes a new high-tech elevator from the station mezzanine to the southbound platform. "We have been able to fully rehabilitate this historic station, improving the structural aspects and customer amenities while retaining the unique architectural features that

have made this station so visually special," NYC Transit President Carmen Bianco said.

The rehabilitation was completed in November. As part of the project, structural steel repairs, waterproofing and track replacement were completed.

New concrete platforms, canopies and a refurbished control area are also part of the rehab.

The new elevator, with a machine room-less system, is energy-efficient and the first of its kind in the New York City Transit system. **ANNA SANDERS**

Candlelight vigil held for Hoffman

Residents of the West Village and fellow actors gathered Wednesday evening to host a prayer and candlelight vigil for Oscar-winning actor Philip Seymour Hoffman. The event was organized by the Labyrinth Theater Company and took place in the courtyard of the Bank Street Theater. The prayer was lead by Father Jim Martin, a Labyrinth Theater Company member. Hoffman was found dead in his apartment on Sunday from a reported drug overdose. / MILES DIXON, METRO



In Queens

Mom charged in beating death of her toddler: DA

A Queens mother has been charged with beating her 2-year-old

daughter to death in their Far Rockaway home, prosecutors said late Wednesday.

Ashley Diaz, 28, was charged with second-degree murder and first-degree assault after her daughter, Kevasia

Edwards, died Monday night.

Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said Diaz told officials Kevasia was fine until 9:30 that night, when she had a seizure and fell, but officials said this story

wasn't consistent with the toddler's injuries.

Diaz did not enter a plea Thursday and her attorney did not respond to a request for comment from the Associated Press.

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GAME TIME IN SOCHI

Opinion

TOM FOREMAN

FOREMAN IS A POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT FOR CNN.



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As I write this, my biggest disappointment in the Winter Olympics is that once again I will not be competing in the luge. Honestly, the idea of hopping onto a tiny sled to blast down an ice chute at 90 miles an hour is fantastic. Let Coloradans have their legalized pot and members of Congress their illicit affairs. Nothing can be more fun than rocketing along like a human hockey puck.

I wouldn't worry about winning. In all likelihood, the Germans will gobble up the luge medals like free bratwursts at a beer garden; but just getting a chance to try this magnificent, unhinged sport would be the thrill of a lifetime. Still, I wasn't picked for the team, so like I said I'm disappointed.

And if that turns out to be my only disappointment in these games, I'll be fine with that. No doubt you've noticed the tidal wave of warnings about potential terror



Police outside the media center in Sochi. / GETTY IMAGES

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No doubt you've noticed the tidal wave of warnings about potential terror attacks on these Winter Olympics, and all the folks I know who specialize in such matters say the situation is indeed serious.

attacks on these Winter Olympics, and all the folks I know who specialize in such matters say the situation is indeed serious. The terrorists in that part of the world are tough, dedicated, and they've shown no hesitation

about hitting innocent adults, children or anyone else. They despise Vladimir Putin. So if they get a chance to take a whack at tourists, athletes or visiting dignitaries counting on Russian hospitality, they will almost certainly jump at it.

That said, the Russians are pouring security of officers, police and troops into the area like it's Stalingrad in 1942. They clearly intend to watch, photograph and record every movement by everyone. Will that prevent an attack? I hope so, and I wish the best for all the athletes. For the record, I would not be afraid to attend the games, but they are remote, expensive and - absent of Tonya Harding's full-contact figure skating - I just can't get that excited about double axels.

On the other hand, if the U.S. luge team suddenly has an opening, the terrorists will have to step aside, because Sochi, here I come.

Christian faith

At prayer breakfast, Obama talks faith and foreign policy

President Barack Obama pressed for greater religious freedom in China and offered prayers for U.S. prisoners in North Korea and Iran on Thursday during remarks at an annual prayer breakfast that highlighted his Christian faith.

Obama, who attended the breakfast at a Washington hotel with his wife, Michelle, used the high profile event to renew calls for the release of two men held by U.S. adversaries in Asia and the Middle East.

"We pray for Kenneth Bae, a Christian missionary who's been held in North Korea for 15 months ... His family wants him home. And the United States will continue to do everything in our power to

secure his release," Obama said.

"We pray for Pastor Saeed Abedini. He's been held in Iran for more than 18 months, sentenced to eight years in prison on charges relating to his Christian beliefs."

Obama said religious freedom, protected by the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution, was under threat around the world and he singled out China and Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, as countries that needed to do better on the issue.

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Kerry is reluctant 'star' of spoof by Israeli settlers



Mockery. The video depicts the 'Secretary of State' touring the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Trying humor over hectoring, Israeli ultra-nationalists have lampooned Secretary of State John Kerry in a video campaign against his troubled quest for peace between the Jewish state and the Palestinians.

The YouTube clip features an actor playing a buffoonish Kerry as he tours the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem,

areas where Palestinians seek statehood but which Israel sees as a Jewish birth-right and security buffer.

The spoof followed harder criticism of the top U.S. diplomat from within Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's rightist government.

One minister was quoted as calling Kerry "messianic" while another said he was expecting the Jewish state to negotiate with a gun to its head.

Speaking against the backdrop of Jerusalem shrines, the mock-Kerry extols the city as "holy to all religions: Jews, Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Klingleons and Hobbits."

Peace deal

The United States has opted for softer rubric, questioning their "legitimacy," and in the past has voiced support for its Middle East ally keeping some settlements under a peace deal.

In the Jordan Valley — the proposed eastern border of the future Palestine, where Israel insists on keeping its own troops — "Kerry" offers assurances by suggesting armed infiltrators can be photographed and shamed on social media. **REUTERS**

Speaker Boehner

No decision on provisions of debt ceiling

House Speaker John Boehner said on Thursday there was no decision yet among his fellow Republicans on whether to add any conditions to raising the debt ceiling.

He added a debt limit hike bill had to be passed by late February.

While Boehner wouldn't say whether a simple debt limit hike bill would be voted on, he did tell reporters, "We do not want to default on our debt and we're not going to default on our debt." **REUTERS**

Confrontational. Putin aide warns US about actions in Kiev

A senior Kremlin aide accused the United States on Thursday of arming Ukrainian "rebels" and, urging the Kiev government to put down what it called an attempted coup, warned it could intervene to maintain the security of its ex-Soviet neighbor.

Sergei Glazyev, an adviser to President Vladimir Putin with responsibility for relations with Ukraine, told a newspaper that U.S. "interference" breached the 1994 treaty under which Washington and Moscow jointly guaranteed Ukraine's security and sovereignty after Kiev gave

up its Soviet-era nuclear arsenal.

His characteristically confrontational comments could add to tensions with Washington, and within Ukraine.

Asked by Kommersant-Ukraine daily whether Russia might "actively intervene" if the country's crisis deepened, Glazyev recalled the Budapest Memorandum of 1994: "Under the document, Russia and the USA are guarantors of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and ... are obliged to intervene when conflict situations of this nature arise." **REUTERS**

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Stolen Stradivarius found in Milwaukee in good condition: Report

Perps. Milwaukee police arrested three people on Monday in connection with the violin theft.

A Stradivarius violin worth millions of dollars, which was stolen from a concert violinist in an armed robbery last week, has been recovered from a suitcase in the attic of a Milwaukee house, law enforcement officials said on Thursday.

The 300-year-old instrument was being held at the city's police headquarters and will be returned after it is inspected by experts, Milwaukee Police Chief Ed Flynn said.

At least one of the three suspects arrested in connection with the theft could be charged as soon



This Stradivarius violin is similar to the one stolen. / GETTY IMAGES

Rare strings

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The Lipinski is one of roughly 600 violins, violas and cellos still in existence that were built by the famed Italian artisan Antonio Stradivari.

as Friday, Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm said.

"We have very strong confidence that the violin is fine," said Mark Nie-

haus, the president and executive director of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

Milwaukee police had arrested two men, aged 36 and 41, and a woman, 32, on Monday in connection with the theft. The culprits had used a stun gun on violinist Frank Almond and took the Stradivarius from him after a concert in suburban Milwaukee, police said.

REUTERS

Social media

Investors dump Twitter stock as results divide Wall Street

Twitter Inc.'s shares fell almost 25 percent on Thursday, wiping out about \$9.8 billion in market value, after the company reported a sharp slowdown in user growth.

The stock, which debuted at \$26 in November, hit a low of \$50 in early trading. The shares hit a peak of \$74.73 in late December.

Analysts, unlike investors, were divided on the company's outlook a day after it reported fourth-quarter results.

Twitter, according to broker assessments, is either the overvalued owner of a niche product whose potential is fading or an undervalued phenomenon that is set to give Facebook a run for its money in mobile. REUTERS



'Sleepwalker' stays up at women's college

Officials from Wellesley College said they have no plans to remove a controversial sculpture of a nearly naked man despite more than 500 people signing an online petition to move it. The "Sleepwalker" sculpture was recently installed outside at the women's college as part of the opening of the New Gravity exhibit at the Davis Museum at Wellesley College. In a joint statement, President H. Kim Bottomly and Lisa Fischman, director of the Davis Museum, said the work has created an impassioned conversation.

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2 Establish good study habits early. Find a time that works for you — in the wee hours of the morning before the rest of the family is awake; after work and before

you go home; after the kids go to bed — and commit to that time every day. Find a quiet place free of distractions for maximum performance.
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3 Ask yourself some questions: Are you sure you want to give up your spare time, your holidays, your hobbies, your sleeping hours? Do you have the requisite financial resources? Are you sure that you are committed to take this great responsibility?
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5 Things MBA employers want to see

Skills. Make sure you have what they're looking for.

The QS TopMBA.com Jobs & Salary Trends Report takes an annual look at actively hiring MBA employers from around the world. Involved is a global snapshot of hiring trends and salary levels. The latest edition of the report, for which there were more than 4,300 respondents, shows that the average salary for new hires in the U.S. is at \$82,200, with an average bonus of \$16,000. If that sounds good to you, it could be closer than you think. Here are the top five

things employers want from their MBA hires, per our survey:

Interpersonal skills

Since QS research began, soft skills have always topped employers' wish lists. Interpersonal skills are, of course, essential for anyone in a leadership role, where working with and inspiring others is the difference between success and failure — be it with clients, peers or those you're managing. And let's not forget, lacking such skills will seriously impede your ability to engage in networking. No one's

going to share the hottest new opportunity with you if you can't connect with them personally.

Strategic thinking

Strategy is a cornerstone of the MBA. One of the main intended outcomes of the degree has always been to help you move from a functional role to a "big picture" one. Picturing the future of an organization, and having the agility and vision to see how it's going to get there is a vital skill. Any employer will want to see this thinking, combined with knowledge about competitors and market forces.



Having good interpersonal skills is key to good business sense.
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Entrepreneurship

Not every example of entrepreneurship needs to change the world, but the ability to spot a gap in the market and judge whether it's worth filling is invaluable to any organization. And any dynamic company looking to grow is going to want a person who can back up that entrepreneurial spirit with creativity and technical understanding.

Communication skills

Being able to communicate up, down and across a company is essential in any management position. These skills are often difficult to find in candidates. Fortunately, an MBA will help you to foster your communication expertise, when you work with diverse groups and face the challenges that are part of MBA learning.

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Taking the lead

A good manager will facilitate the carrying out of functional roles by his or her subordinates — not an easy undertaking by any means. However, a good leader will inspire those who work with them and around them, make them feel valued and give the whole undertaking a sense of direction. Notably, this was the skill that employers surveyed were most interested in seeing from MBA candidates.

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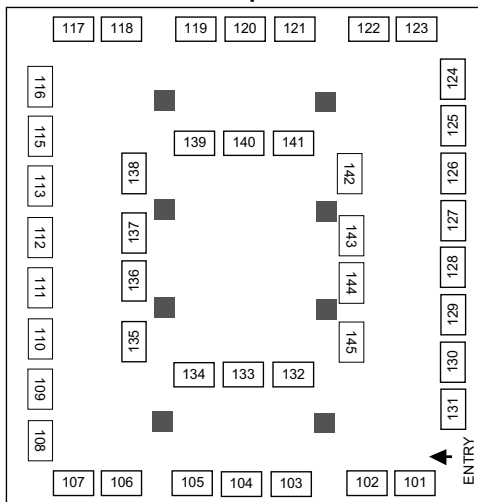
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Sochi: Everything

The 2014 Winter Olympics start Feb. 7 in Sochi, Russia. The buildup has been focused on the \$50 billion price tag, terrorism threats and Russia's gay propaganda law. But controversies aside, Sochi will be all about the sports and their stars. Metro looks ahead with the important stats and facts.

Sochi by the numbers



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Zero degrees Celsius (32 degrees Fahrenheit) is the average February temperature at the Krasnaya Polyana cluster (outdoor Olympic events), 60 kilometers northeast of Sochi in the Caucasus Mountains.



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The cost in U.S. dollars of the new joint highway and railroad linking Sochi and the Krasnaya Polyana mountain resort is \$8.7 billion — more than three times the cost of NASA's Curiosity rover mission to Mars (at \$2.5 billion).



500,000

Projected number of spectators at Sochi 2014



265,000

Liters of borscht (beetroot soup) expected to be served during the Sochi Games

Winter Olympics

memorable moments

Eddie the Eagle

Britain's Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards finished a distant last in the ski jumping events in Calgary 1988, but his nerdy appearance, awkward ability and infectious enthusiasm helped him win fans' hearts forever. His legacy continued as the International Olympic Committee instituted the Eddie the Eagle rule, which created minimum standards and performance requirements for wannabe Olympians.

Jamaican bobsled team

The Jamaican bobsled team made its Olympic debut in 1988 at Calgary. The team was made up of sprinters who had never competed in the winter sport. During one of their four runs at the games, their bobsled turned over and crashed. Though they didn't finish the race officially, the team got up, lifted their sled and carried it, undeterred, to the finish line.

Who to watch

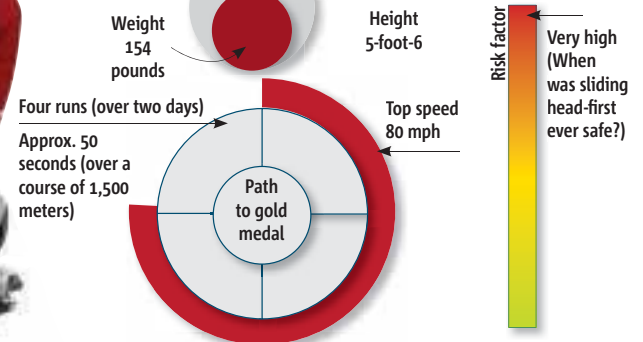


Lizzy Yarnold

Country: UK Sport: Skeleton Age: 25 @TheYarnold

Who?: After picking up bronze in the 2012 World Championships, the Brit goes from strength to strength, hitting form at the right time by becoming the overall women's skeleton World Cup champion this January.

What to expect: She is arguably Britain's best chance of winning gold at Sochi.

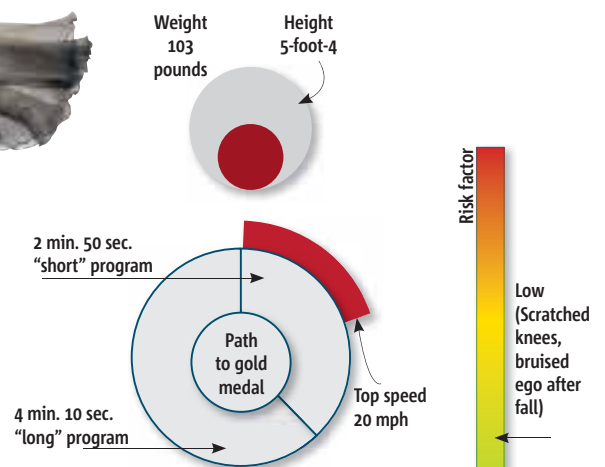
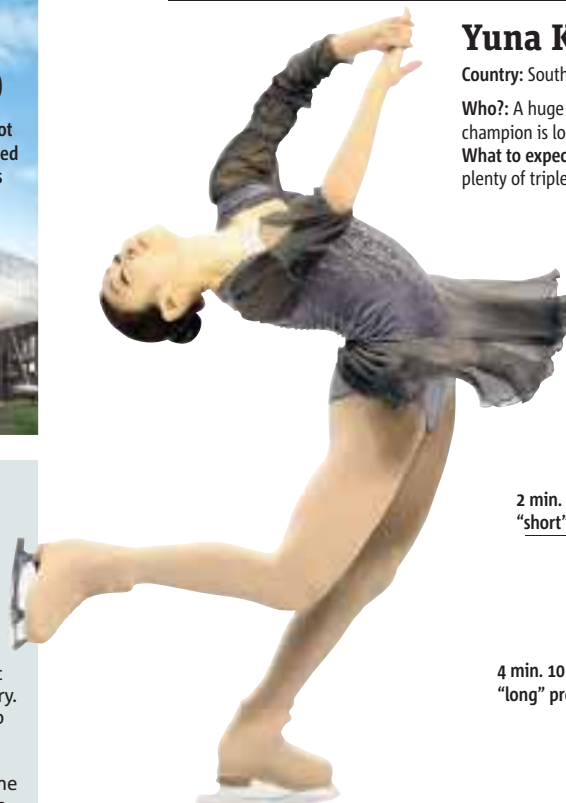


Yuna Kim

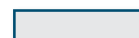
Country: South Korea Sport: Figure skating Age: 23 @Yunaaaa

Who?: A huge celebrity in her homeland, the reigning world and Olympic champion is looking to end her illustrious career on a high at Sochi.

What to expect: Tipped by many as the favorite for gold, look forward to plenty of triple lutzes and triple axels.



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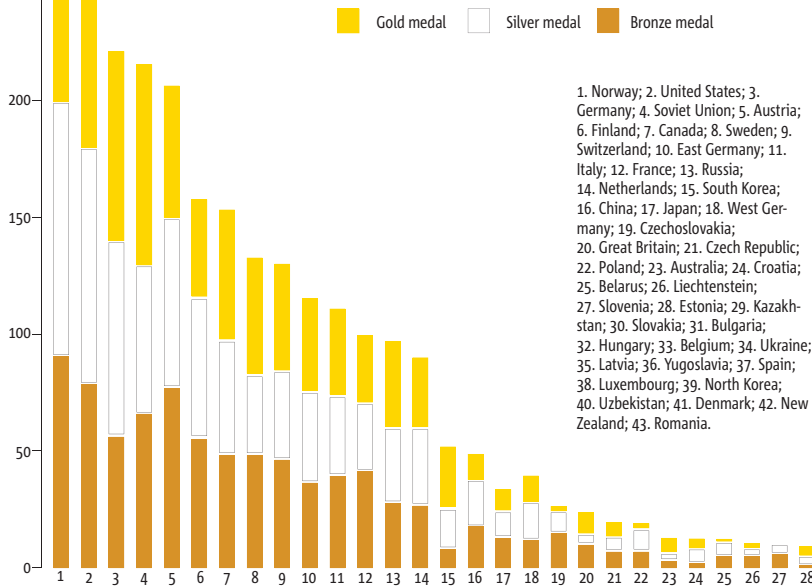
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you need to know

ALL-TIME WINTER OLYMPICS MEDAL STANDINGS BY COUNTRY, 1924-2010

It may only have a population of 5 million, but Norway is the most successful nation in Winter Olympic history.



Bode Miller

Country: USA Sport: Alpine skiing Age: 36 [@MillerBode](https://twitter.com/MillerBode)

Who?: An Olympic legend, Miller is skiing in his fifth games. His five Olympic medals (gold, silver, bronze at Vancouver 2010, two silvers at Salt Lake 2002) are the most for an American alpine skier. Miller has had a controversial past as he admitted to skiing under the influence and split from the U.S. ski team to race independently, before returning after a bad patch.

What to expect: The old man of skiing won't go away, consistently making the podium at events this ski season.



Hey, hipsters: It's bocce, on ice

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OBJECTIVE OF CURLING is to slide a heavy, rounded, polished granite stone over a sheet of ice closer to a target area than one's opponent. It involves two teams of four players competing against each other. Players also attempt to knock their opponent's stones out of the target area.

ORIGINS: Unclear, but thought to be invented in 16th-century Scotland



NICKNAME: The Roaring Game, with the "roar" coming from the noise of a granite stone traveling over the ice

BEST COUNTRY AT IT: Canada (8 medals, 3 gold)

HOW TO SCORE:

In an end where each team delivers eight stones, whichever team scores the most points (by coming closest to the button) wins that inning. Olympic curling matches have 10 ends each.

GLOSSARY
BROOM
The implement with which players sweep the ice to make a stone travel farther and "curl" (deviate) less



STONE
About 19 kg in weight

PEBBLES
Water droplets of water that become ice and cause the stones to curl; sweeping removes these

END
An inning

HAMMER
The last stone of an end

THE SHEET
Playing surface

HOUSE
Target 3.7 m (12 feet) in diameter

BUTTON
Center of the house

3 THE THIRD discusses strategy with the skip, but roles are also alternated.

2 THE LEAD AND SECOND sweep the ice while walking in front of the sliding stone to clear the sheet of debris and warm the ice under the stone, to help keep the stone on course.

1 THE SKIP pushes the stone toward the target.

ADVANTAGE HAMMER

Throwing the last stone of an end ("the hammer") is a big advantage: You can knock the other team's best stone away from the button.

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CULTURE



About the movie

"A movie about saving art doesn't really sound all that fun, so you have to remind people that what we're talking about isn't just these paintings on a wall. It's about culture, the fabric of our culture. You can kill them, you can murder their families, but if you take away their culture then that's when society breaks down."

Clooney

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George Clooney directs John Goodman and Jean Dujardin on the set of "The Monuments Men." / CLAUDETTE BARIUS

Interview. George Clooney confesses he'd rather make movies like "The Monuments Men" than act in them.

You may think all the World War II stories that could be committed to film have been covered, but George Clooney's got a new one for you. His latest as a director, "The Monuments Men," is based on the real exploits of a team of art experts tasked with recovering priceless works the Nazis were hoarding in the waning days of the war.

"We wanted to make an entertaining film, and we liked the story. We were not all that familiar with

this actual story, which is rare for a World War II story. And we wanted it to be accessible," Clooney says.

"A movie about saving art doesn't really sound all that fun, so you have to remind people that what we're talking about isn't just these paintings on a wall. It's about culture, the fabric of our culture. You can kill them, you can murder their families, but if you take away their culture then that's when society breaks down."

The conviction with which he speaks comes from a very personal place — and from personal experiences that helped motivate him to undertake the film in the first place. "I spent a lot of time going through villages in the Sudan and Darfur, where it wasn't enough that you

killed them and you killed their children. They had to destroy the things that they'd created — from generations before," Clooney remembers. "They had to destroy what made the village theirs, and that was as important as the raping and the murdering of these families."

"We started to understand how when we didn't protect the art during the beginning of the war in Iraq, we didn't protect those museums, and now a lot of those things are lost," Clooney explains. "That can actually affect the community in a very deep way. What are you fighting for if it's not your culture, your life?"



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Who's the boss?

Behind the lens

His fifth film as a director, "The Monuments Men" marks Clooney's first outing behind the camera since 2011's "The Ides of March." And while those jobs take longer to get out, he's much happier in the director's chair, he's found.

"I prefer directing to doing other things. Directing and writing, I think, they seem to be infinitely more creative," he says. "I like it

more than acting now. I don't know whether it's improving or not, but it's definitely evolving in different directions. All you're trying to do is learn from people that you've worked with. I've worked with the Coen brothers, with Soderbergh, Alexander Payne — I've worked with really great directors. You just try to watch what they're doing and then steal it. That's the theory. You go, 'Oh, I like that. I'm going to do it that way.'"



Quoted

"I've worked with the Coen brothers, with [Steven] Soderbergh, Alexander Payne — I've worked with really great directors. You just try to watch what they're doing and then steal it." Clooney on directing

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Attack of the blocks

Cartoon. Somehow there's a lot of creativity and talent in a picture called "The Lego Movie."

There's no funnier joke in this movie than the one about how much genuine work and invention has been put into a movie about plastic blocks. And there are a lot of jokes — and colors, and creative plot turns, and comically overqualified actors voicing stiff toy figurines whose hands are nothing but immobile claws. There's so much busyness that it's easy to just give in, kick back and let your retinas be seared. And that would be a cinch — if the film's very message wasn't about not giving in, about

being an individual who resists the control of mass entertainment.

Or is that even the message? Is there any message? "The Lego Movie" so teems with plot and characters and throwaway gags that it's only appropriate that its token homily is complicated and incoherent. Chris Pratt voices Emmet, our everyman hero who finds himself at the center of the battle for the Lego universe. The villain is President Business (Will Ferrell), who hates freedom: He wants to Krazy Glue the many realms made of interlocking plastic bricks, including a Western world with a Lego Monument Valley, a whimsical/passive-aggressive "Cuckoo Land" and "Middle Zealand."

Having already made a delightful cultural product that didn't need a plot ("21



Chris Pratt voices an everyman, center, who fights to save a toy world in "The Lego Movie." / WARNER BROS. PICTURE

Review

'The Lego Movie'

Directors: Phil Lord, Chris Miller

Voices of: Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks

Rating: PG

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Jump Street"), filmmakers Phil Lord and Chris Miller give "The Lego Movie" a tone that is both zany and sarcastic. The setup even offers the nastiest parody of modern conformity since "Idiocracy," but unfortunately, it doesn't follow through. The movie doesn't have the attention span. "Everything is awesome," goes the chorus to this world's joke pop hit. But the same thing goes for

the movie, which always keeps moving, never slows down and never stops to realize that, conceptually, little of it makes sense.

The movie mostly makes its ADD work in its favor. And it is riotously funny, with random famous characters popping up in Lego form: Batman, Shakespeare, Shaquille O'Neal, Milhouse Van Houten, etc. But then, "South Park" did that to even sillier and

gorier ends in its superior "Imaginationland" trilogy.

Only at the end does "The Lego Movie" slow down, finally hammering home its requisite lesson — and indeed, it hammers and hammers hard, harder than any of the family films it previously did such a fine job skewering.



MATT PRIGGE
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War art film. George Clooney's fifth turn as director is a listless but honorable failure

George Clooney's fifth film as director starts as a send-up of "Ocean's Eleven." He rounds up a gang, not to knock over casinos, but to drop into the Eastern Front during WWII and rescue Europe's art treasures from Nazi plunder. But historical semi-accuracy necessitates that they split up to cover more ground. Some double up, but the pairings are curiously flat, even when they're such unlikely badasses as Bill Murray and Bob Balaban.

Jaunty music borrowed from every old war movie gives the feeling of a fun lark, but the narrative is too episodic even for an episodic narrative. Set pieces peppered too conservatively over the storyline fail to rise and instead peter out like air from a whoopee cushion.

Clooney doesn't find a novel way into the tale, doing little with the notion of art-heads as war heroes. Yet it still has a certain charm. As his directorial output (like "Good Night,



"The Monuments Men" is our kind of action movie: one with Bill Murray and Bob Balaban. / CLAUDETTE BARIUS

Review

'The Monuments Men'

Director: George Clooney

Stars: George Clooney, Matt Damon

Rating: PG-13

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and Good Luck") proves, he has a yen for the past. "The Monuments Men" is a noble failure on the order of "Leatherheads," another inexplicably listless stab at old-school entertainment that remained impossible to hate even as it let you down. It's hard not to want to give it a hand as it wheezes along. A Nick Clooney cameo, of course, helps. **MATT PRIGGE**

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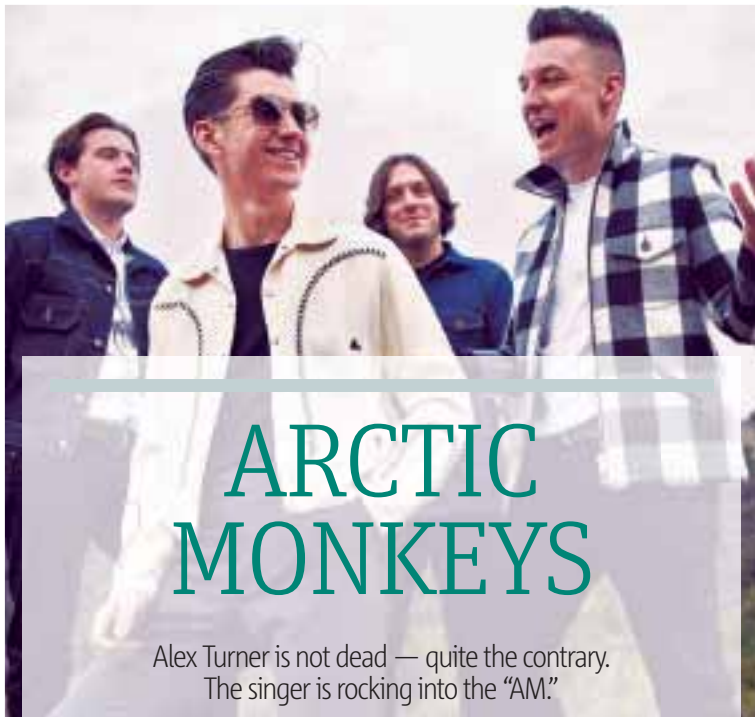
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ARCTIC MONKEYS

Alex Turner is not dead — quite the contrary. The singer is rocking into the “AM.”

ALIVE AND KICKING OUT THE JAMS

Contrary to popular belief (for one day last month, at least) Alex Turner is alive and well. Days before our conversation with the Arctic Monkeys frontman, the hash tag #RIPAlexTurner began trending on Twitter in his home country of England. It really would have been a shame if he had died, because — aside from death being a real bummer for the person leaving this mortal coil as well as his family, friends and fans — the band is touring America to promote their fifth and most recent album, “AM,” which may be their finest hour. Fortunately, it was just another Internet death hoax.

“It wasn’t actually that big of a deal in my world,” says the singer. “I think it’s a bit like ‘Super Mario’: You get three lives on Twitter.”

The Monkeys them-

selves seem to get quite a few lives as well, or at least a few different personalities that they express on “AM.”

There’s an element of 1970s hard rock, mixed with an unlikely dose of contemporary R&B.

“That was sort of the idea, really, to take that contemporary R&B, or even like a hip-hop influence at times, and apply it to a four-piece rock ‘n’ roll band,” says Turner.

And somehow it works. Turner says he’s even heard a hip-hop

station in the U.K. play the track, “Why’d You Only Call Me When You’re High” with a rap over it.

“The idea that it might get sampled is one that’s exciting to me,” he says.

And just this week, MTV released a clip of Miley Cyrus covering the song during her “Unplugged” performance.

Like classics such as “Don’t Sit Down ‘Cause I’ve Moved Your Chair,” and “I Bet You Look Good on the Dancefloor,” “Why’d You Only Call Me...” follows in the grand tradition of Arctic Monkeys song titles that stand on their own before you even hear a note of music.

“I’ve sort of been on both ends,” says Turner of the situation in the title. “I suppose it started as sort of a joke, like I think a lot of good ideas do. Like you say, it seems like the title of a Monkeys tune that already existed.”

If you go

Arctic Monkeys

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Q&A

‘Do I Wanna Know?’

There’s a bit of vulnerability on this album. Was that a conscious decision, to open yourself up more?
I can’t say that it was. I

think you’ve got all of these other plates spinning while making a record. I think it would be hard to make a conscious decision to be vulnerable.

I guess in asking that question I was trying to

get you to open up and tell me what was going on in your personal life.
Well, I guess I thought I’d dodged that question!



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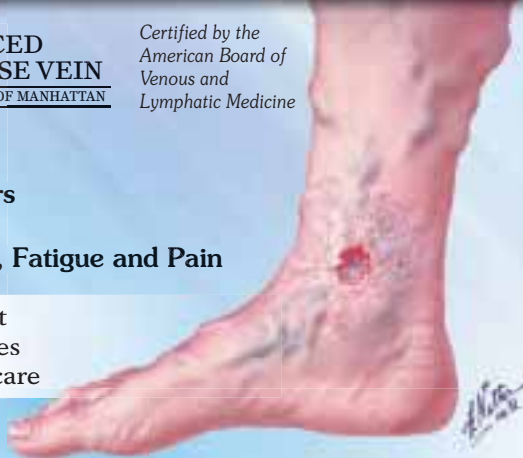
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classic "Sleep No More."

Instead, it's still kind of underground. In fact, it's literally underground — at a club formerly known as Diamond Horseshoe, which sits below the Paramount Hotel. The renovated basement ballroom exudes secrecy, which is half the fun, so we won't spoil too much.

Loosely based on Mozart's "Magic Flute," the story follows a sheltered princess who disobeys her mother and is separated from her forbidden lover. It's also an immersive theater piece. Anything can happen to you: You might get drawn into a secret chamber to give the princess, Pamina, a bath; you might have your fortune read; you could even be summoned by the intimidating and mysterious Queen Marchesa. Prepare to be touched and otherwise sensually challenged (although you're free to decline, of course).

If you go

'Queen of the Night'

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you may have seen in 7 Fingers' "Traces" (2011) or even Broadway's "Pippin" (on which they also collaborated). Some may find the storyline muddled (it's not primarily a play), but it's all still visually stunning.

The plot resolves, but it's more negligible than ever when the room suddenly turns into a dance party and everyone starts swaying with strangers and sharing cake. It's not the orgy you might infer with all of the sexual build-up, sadly, and shortly you may begin to eye your comrades-in-arms in a new light. There's a long way to go back up to the street, and that coat check line is going to be a bitch. So in the end, "Queen of the Night" doesn't quite transcend reality — not like "Sleep No More" — but it's a hell of a great night out.



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Double threat

Emily Kinney at Rockwood Music Hall

Just in time to amp up your excitement for the return of AMC's "The Walking Dead" on Feb. 9, actress Emily Kinney (aka blonde babysitter Beth, aka the one responsible for wee Judith's ominously bloody car seat in the midseason finale) is playing a show on Feb. 13 at Rockwood Music Hall (196 Allen St.). Yes, she's a singer

as well — in case you couldn't tell from those killer vocals the show is constantly flaunting. The 28-year-old Nebraska native will perform haunting songs from her "Expired Love" EP.

Nothing quite gets you in the mood for Valentine's Day like reminders of zombies, dead babies and expired love; but just in case you'd rather check out Kinney another time, she'll be reprising her performance on March 6.

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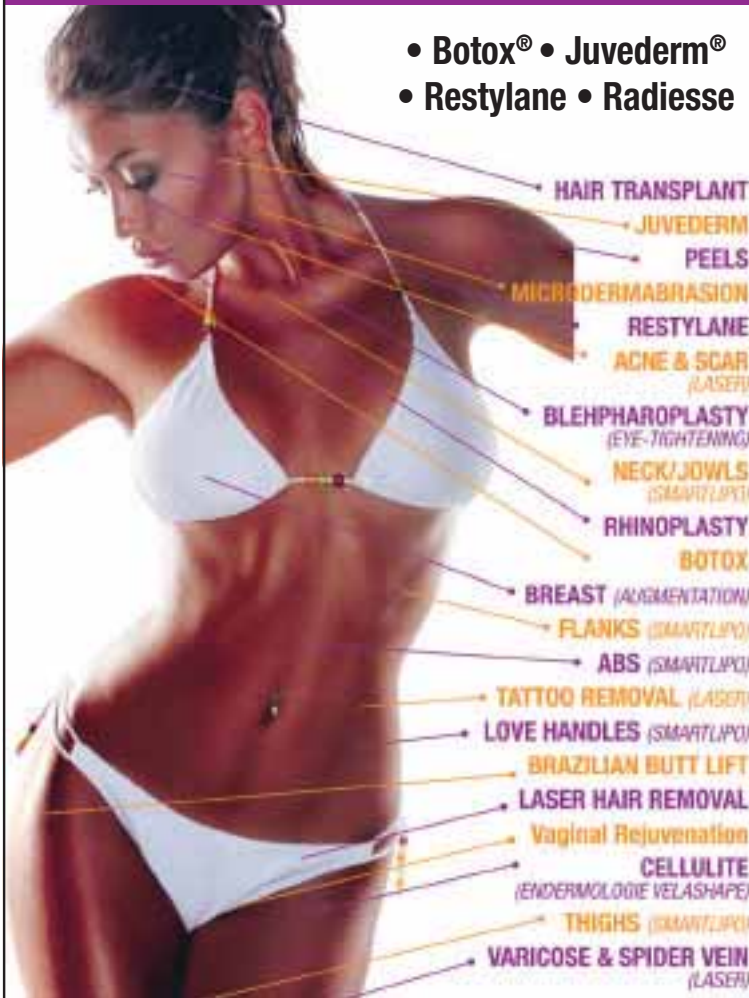
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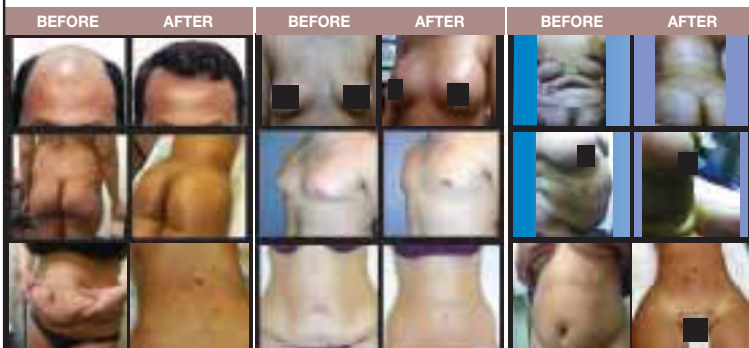
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Fur and femininity at BCBG Max Azria Fall 2014

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In an effort to revamp the freebie and blogger-over-run circus that Fashion Week at Lincoln Center has morphed into over the last few seasons, IMG took action to clean up the tents. The renovated space, which I'm walking into for the first time, feels like a "Sex and the City"-era night club: The venue is all black, with darkly lit corridors leading to the various stages. It takes a few seconds to figure out exactly where the BCBG Max Azria show is. Can someone please turn a light on? Once settled in my front-row seat I immediately check out what other showgoers are wearing and am floored by the healthy amount of heels in the crowd — white stilettos, pointy booties, 5-inch pumps — despite all the black ice warnings.

Show report

The mood: The looks coming down the runway, however, are more in line with current temps. It's BCBG Max Azria's 25th anniversary show, and the brand is wisely focusing



A black shearling cape toughens up the silk skirt.



Synopsis

Major trends

Layering textures, midi lengths, fur

What this will mean for your wardrobe

Start piling on the contrasting textures now to get a jump on this look, which will be big next fall.

TINA CHADHA
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Strong debut for Pas de Calais

Welcome to fashion week, Pas de Calais! The Japanese womenswear label made its NYFW debut, and if designer Yukari Suda's 15 looks are an indication of what's to come, get ready to up your layering game come fall. We loved all the relaxed-yet-refined looks, especially the roomy trousers and blanket-sized scarves.



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Trending on the runway

Longer hemlines

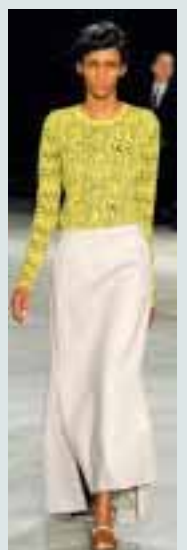
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The scoop

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Creatures of the Wind
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Topless Miley Cyrus pics surface

To quote one of my top five favorite movies of all time, "Well, Sinead O'Rebellion. Shock me, shock me, shock me with that deviant behavior." ("Empire Records." If you didn't know that, sorry, we can't be friends.)

When I logged on to the Interwebz this morning and was assaulted with a barrage of headlines screaming "TOPLESS MILEY PHOTOS" and "CYRUS NIP SLIP," etc., my instant reaction was, "But do we even careola?" (HA!)

Outtakes from Miley's recent photo shoots with W and German Vogue have surfaced online and, oops, her girls are out. (It must be said she's in possession of a fairly decent pair.)

Not to be a total boob, but is this stuff even titillating anymore? (I'm sorry, I've been on a pun bender lately. No, I'm not seeking help. I can stop whenever I want. I CAN.)

Seriously though,

I'm a major Miley apologist and honestly feel that every single one of her songs is a total jam, but I think she may have reached her shock threshold. As in pretty much every industry, there's a glass ceiling for women in the business of pushing the pop culture envelope, and I think Miley's head is bumping up against it.

At this point I think the most shocking thing Miley could do is show up somewhere in a modest turtleneck sweater, keep her tongue in her face and be home by midnight. Not that there's any fun in that.



THE WORD

Alexandra Cavallo takes on the world of gossip.

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Selena Gomez addicted to Justin Bieber?

Everyone is in a tizzy right now because yet another product of the Disney tween star sweatshop has wound up in rehab, but I'm also filing this one under, "yawn, sigh, next."

Selena Gomez — who got her start playing a sassy sorceress on "Wizards of Waverly Place" and was actually rather not-bad in "Spring Breakers" — landed in an Arizona rehab clinic last month. She later checked herself out early (probably not so smart), but that's not the part of this whole thing that caught my interest for a second.

It's the substances that Gomez needed treatment for that bear discussion here: alcohol (sure), pot (welllll) and (wait for it) Justin Bieber. Say what now?

According to sources/friends/etc., Gomez's relationship with the Biebs

Talking points

Kendall Jenner's achy-breaky heart

In the immortal words of Pat Benatar, "love is a battlefield." That's what Kendall Jenner learned the hard way, when Harry Styles (the dreamiest of all the kids in One Direction, as I understand it) reportedly cheated on her with Benatar's daughter, Haley Giraldo, while Jenner was on vacation. Man,

these Kardashians can't catch a break.

James Franco Acting School

James Franco is opening an acting school in Los Angeles, at which he will teach people who want to act how to act like James Franco. Of course he is. (That's all I have to say about that.)



Bieber flies high

Speaking of everyone's favorite rascally Canuck, Justin Bieber is making headlines again for naughty behavior.

This time, it's for reports that he hot-boxed his private jet to the Super Bowl over the weekend.

It's my understanding that, when traveling on your private jet, you can pretty much do whatever the hell you want. Because, private jet. My knowledge of private jets is admittedly limited, however. Because, career in journalism.

According to NBC, it seems it wasn't the fact that Bieber and his posse were flying so high (haha, good weed-on-a-plane joke, right?) that the flight crew had to don oxygen masks (so as not to get a contact high and crash the plane, I'm assuming).

Any news on that petition to deport Bieber, btw?



This kid's kisses are like a drug, apparently.
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was unhealthy to the point of addiction, and she needed to convalesce in a rehab center in the middle of the desert to break his hold on her. SAY WHAT NOW?

Well, I suppose it makes sense. I imagine dating Justin Bieber must

be a lot like meth addiction: one minute you're a fresh-faced, functioning human being with hopes and dreams. Then, next thing you know, you're shivering in a corner, scratching holes in your face and wondering where it all went so very wrong.

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Horoscope

Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18.
Don't expect others to see things your way. Patience and moderation will be required. A tricky situation can go either way.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.
Stay calm, even if your principles are questioned. Avoid a confrontation that may put you out in front of others. Help those unable to help themselves.

Aries | March 21-April 20.
Looking over your financial situation will help you feel better about your future. Free your life from encumbrances.

Taurus | April 21-May 21.
Keep life simple, as adding expenses or responsibilities will lead to anxiety. Avoid excess by eliminating friendships that are geared toward indulgence.

Gemini | May 22-June 20.
Be careful what you say. A difference of opinion could alter your future. Listen, but refrain from getting involved.

Cancer | June 21-July 22.
Don't lend or borrow. Feelings of obligation to get involved in someone else's plan will not bring you closer to reaching your goal.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.
Home-improvement projects or helping someone will cost more than you expect. Stick to the truth and say what's on your mind.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
Make a point to reconnect with old friends. Travel plans that entail business or educational pursuits will pay off.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.
Joint ventures and risky financial schemes must be avoided. Extravagance will result in additional worries and stress. Take caution against health problems.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.
Aggressive behavior must be monitored carefully. There will be a fine line between being helpful and pushy.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.
Look before you leap. Mishaps are likely if you don't take precautions. Keep your opinions to yourself.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20.
Generosity will lead to uneasiness. You don't have to give in to demands from people who are asking too much. Offer suggestions or help. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

Letters

What else is a president to do with an uncivil Congress?

Re: 'Let Obama do Congress' job if it won't' (Metro, Feb. 4)

I agree with L. George McLean's response to E. Campbell. What's the president to do, stand on the supposed correctness of not doing anything without Congress' participation, for the glory of saying, 'There — I was concisely correct, never mind that nothing could get done'?

Republican "leaders" blatantly stated — nay, boasted — that making Obama unsuccessful was the premise they stand on, rather than

accomplishing the will of the people.

It's a given that all of the people don't agree, so compromise is part of the definition of their job.

Obama claims he's intending to be president of all — if he's allowed to be.

Anytime you have former Congresspeople going around campaigning against the level of incivility that's been reached, and for people knowing how to compromise to accomplish what's needed, you have a problem.

MARGARET S. DABNEY,
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- 5 Colorful transfer
- 10 Splash
- 14 Andean capital
- 15 Notched, as a leaf
- 16 Hoarfrost
- 17 Quite similar
- 18 Cracks in volcanos
- 19 Sarah — Jewett
- 20 Optical illusion
- 22 Swerve back and forth
- 24 One of the Pleiades
- 26 Libertine
- 27 Glacial deposit
- 30 Flower product
- 34 One, in Aberdeen
- 35 Brought about (2 wds.)
- 38 Pasture entrance
- 39 Ms. Zadora
- 40 Some are raw
- 42 Apprehend
- 43 French wine valley
- 46 Fries and slaw
- 48 Veld grazer
- 49 Register
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- 53 Beowulf's drink
- 55 Rex Stout's — Wolfe
- 56 Of the Milky Way
- 60 Carmaker's woe
- 64 Archaeology find

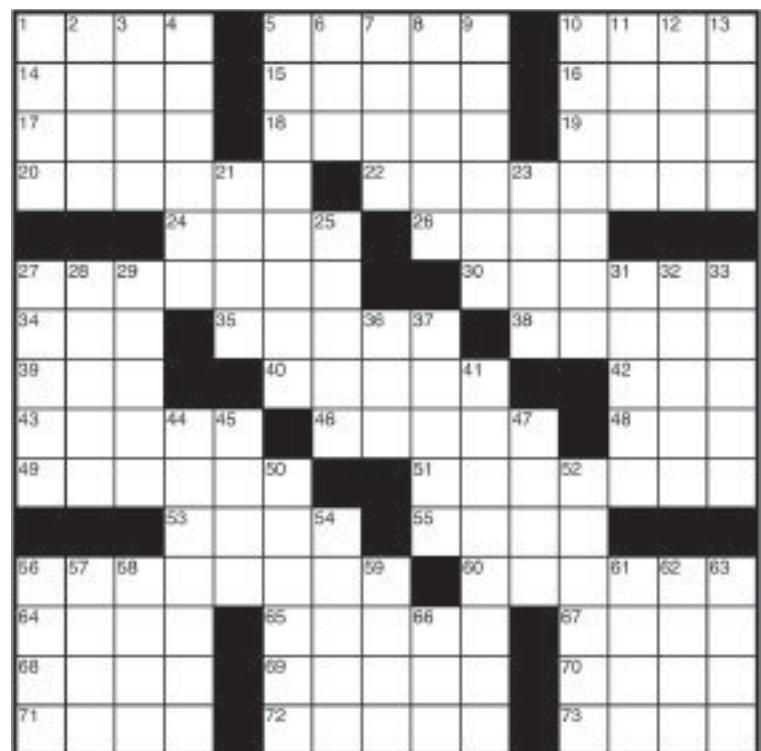
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- 67 MOMA artist
- 68 He played Obi-Wan
- 69 Aquarium scavenger
- 70 Gusto
- 71 Inventory wd.
- 72 Striped cat
- 73 Hunt-and-peck error

Down

- 1 Bang shut
- 2 "Kon- —"
- 3 Sheikh colleague
- 4 Canal site
- 5 Prepared shrimp
- 6 Sooner than
- 7 Meeting (abbr.)
- 8 Up and about
- 9 Learning experience
- 10 Watch over
- 11 Milan money, once
- 12 All, in combos
- 13 Do KP work
- 21 Devers of track
- 23 Tints
- 25 Yellow-fever mosquito
- 27 Sugarbush tree
- 28 Leek cousin
- 29 Broadcast again
- 31 Trace
- 32 Ladd and Bates

- 33 Disprove
- 36 — chi ch'uan
- 37 Bygone
- 41 Harshly
- 44 Gothic —
- 45 TVA supply
- 47 Desiccated
- 50 Breaking news
- 52 Shuttle launcher
- 54 Paul Anka hit
- 56 Lab weight
- 57 — lang syne
- 58 Is situated
- 59 Beach sidler
- 61 Foe opposite
- 62 Vault
- 63 Comedian Jay —
- 66 Freedom, in slogans

Weekend's answer





US story lines to watch in Sochi

The 2014 Winter Olympics are now officially underway. But let's be honest, you haven't exactly been keeping track of speed skating or bobsled over the past four years, have you?

Don't worry, we've got you covered.

The United States is sending their biggest Winter Olympic team ever to Sochi with 230 athletes. The team won a U.S.-record 37 total medals, including nine

golds, in Vancouver four years ago. And as you'll see, that total could increase thanks to some new sports included for the first time in 2014, including snowboarding slopestyle, freestyle skiing and a team figure skating competition.

Without further ado, we give you the top 10 stories to watch in Sochi.



MARK OSBORNE

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US vs. Canada hockey: Part I

There are few greater tournaments in the world than every four years when we get Olympic men's hockey. The NHL players, national pride and free-flowing game are a beauty to watch every Olympics.

We got an all-timer in Vancouver when the United States rode the stellar goaltending of Ryan Miller into a gold-medal showdown with Sidney Crosby, Rick Nash and Team Canada. The classic final went



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into overtime before Captain Crosby snuck one past Miller and set off a national celebration in the host country. All of the stars are back and the U.S. is looking for a new result. But Alex Ovechkin, Evgeni Malkin and the Russian hosts have a lot of pressure to win gold as well.

'Flying Tomato'

No list of U.S. Olympians would be complete without the highest-profile athlete in the games: Shaun White. The two-time defending snowboard halfpipe gold medalist was gearing up to sweep two golds in Sochi thanks to the newly added slopestyle competition.

But White pulled out one day before the slopestyle competition and is focused on a halfpipe three-peat. To be honest, White used to be an elite slopestyle rider, but has been passed by the likes of Canadians Mark McMorris and Max Parrot (pronounced like the Texas billionaire politician, not the bird). He won't have it as easy in the halfpipe either.



SHAUN WHITE WILL HAVE INCREASED COMPETITION IN THE PIPE FROM FELLOW AMERICAN GREG BRETZ.
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Lolo and Lauryn

You probably know Summer Olympians Lolo Jones and Lauryn Williams. Williams won a gold medal in the 2012 Olympics in the 4x100-meter relay and a silver in the 2004 Olympics in the 100 meters. Jones famously stumbled on the second-to-last hurdle in the 100 meters in Beijing and finished fourth in London in the same event.

But the duo made a shocking transition to bobsled and are part of the U.S. two-man teams. Either could medal.



LOLO JONES TRADED IN HER RUNNING SHORTS FOR A SLIGHTLY COLDER SPORT.
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US vs. Canada hockey: Part II

Don't forget the biggest rivalry in women's hockey though. U.S. and Canada have dominated the sport, winning every gold in the Olympics since the sport was introduced in 1998. The U.S.

won in 1998, but Canada has won three straight since then, beating the United States in two of those finals. The two sides have met in each of the World Championships since Vancouver and the U.S. holds a 2-1 advantage, including a win in Ottawa last year.

Holcomb's 'Night Train'

Men's bobsled was dominated at the world level for years by Germany. The Germans have won three straight two-men golds in the Olympics

and six of eight golds in the four man from 1976 to 2002. But driver Steve Holcomb could change a legacy of German domination in the two-man field in Sochi and end a 78-year U.S. drought in Sochi.

Jump and race

If you had asked Americans four years ago what nordic combined was, they'd have been just as likely to think it was a piece of IKEA furniture as an Olympic sport. Until the U.S. took four of nine medals awarded in the event, including an individual gold for Bill Demong and a team silver. Demong is again a contender in Sochi.

More history

Speed skater Shani Davis already holds the distinction of being the first black athlete to ever win an individual gold from any country in the Winter Olympics when he took the 1,000 meters in 2006.

But Davis is probably more worried about exacting a measure of revenge for his back-to-back silvers in the 1,500 meters.

Wagner and Gold vs. the world

The U.S. had medaled in every ladies' singles figure skating event since the 1964 Olympics before failing to podium four years ago in Vancouver. They are in serious danger of doing the same in Sochi.

The U.S. selected Gracie Gold (one of three U.S. athletes with the last name Gold) and Ashley Wagner to compete this year. Gold upset Wagner to win the U.S. Championships. But Wagner might be the team's best chance to medal.

Redemption

Snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis might be the most infamous silver medalist in U.S. history.

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Celski's revenge

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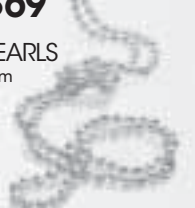
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